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**T**his “Winter 2003” edition of the Forest Focus, the Willamette National Forest’s Schedule of Proposed Activities (SOPA), will update you, the owners and stakeholders of this forest, on our planning efforts for future projects. Our planning focuses on activities that protect, conserve, restore, and enhance the valuable and valued resources of this forest.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) guides us in making informed decisions regarding the environment. Through NEPA, we complete environmental analyses so that the public and responsible official for each project are aware of the effects on the social and natural environment. The objective of NEPA is to make better decisions and document those decisions. The process is dynamic and flexible.

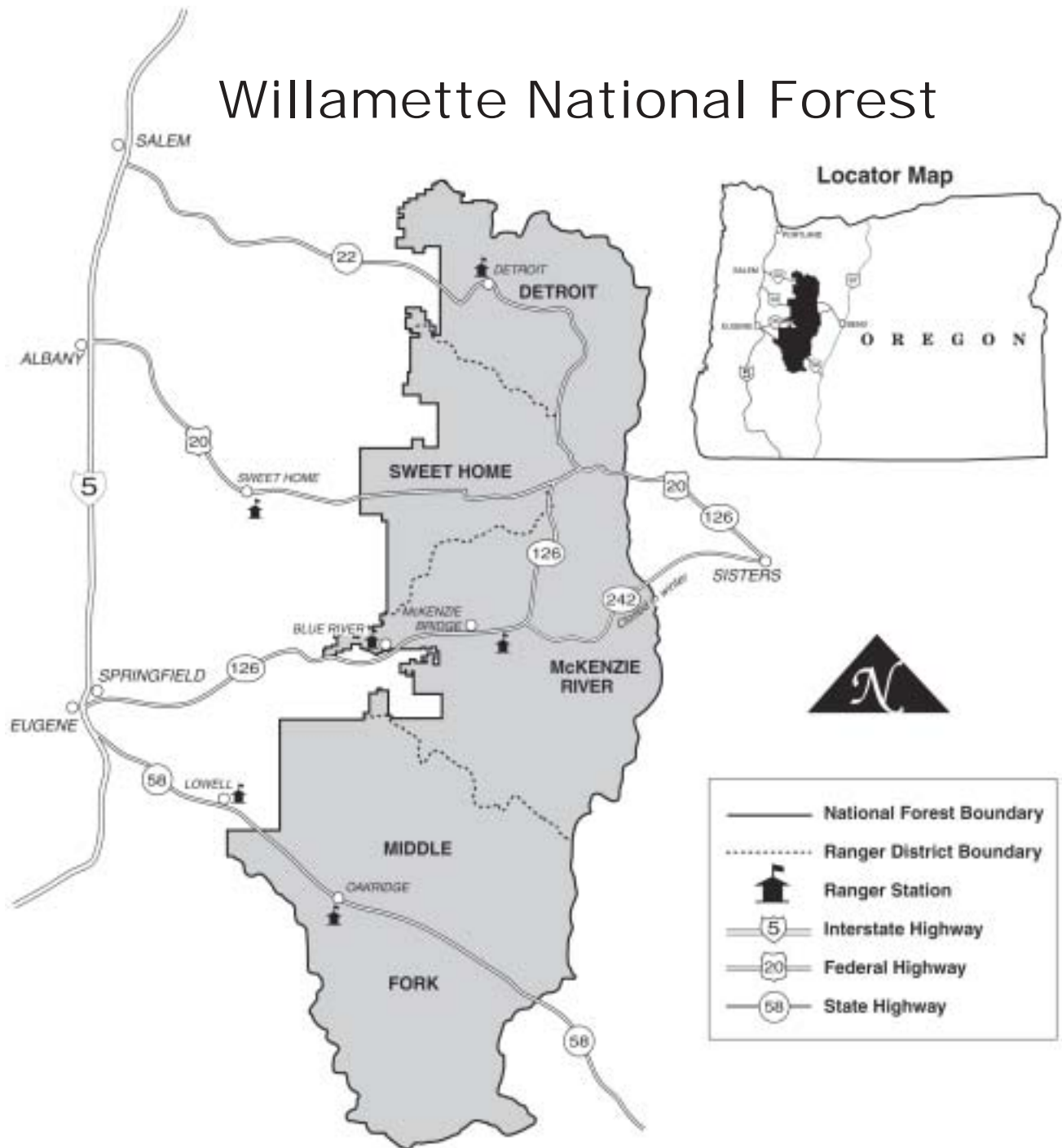
Through this quarterly publication, we invite your participation in the important work that goes on across the Willamette. By sharing your interest and your ideas, you become an important contributor to our mission of “Caring for the Land and Serving People.”

If you have questions about this publication or wish to be added to our mailing list, please contact Neal Forrester at 541-225-6436. The Forest Focus can be found on our website at [www.fs.fed.us/r6/willamette](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/willamette).

On behalf of the Forest Leadership Team and the dedicated employees of the Willamette National Forest,

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Forest Supervisor

# Willamette National Forest



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### REGION-WIDE:

#### **Plan Amendment to Remove the Survey and Manage Standards and Guidelines**

The Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) (Collectively the Agencies) will prepare a supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) to meet the requirements of a Settlement Agreement pursuant to a lawsuit by Douglas Timber Operators against Forest Service and BLM.

The proposed action, generally, is to change the Standards and Guidelines for Management of Habitat for Late-Successional and Old-Growth Forest Related Species Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl (Northwest Forest Plan), currently included in planning documents of the Forest Service and BLM. Specifically, the Agencies propose to remove the Survey and Manage mitigation measure standards and guidelines. Habitat needs of the affected rare or little-known species would rely on other elements of the Northwest Forest Plan and the existing Forest Service Sensitive Species and the BLM Special Status Species programs, as needed and appropriate.

The proposed action would amend land and resource management plans for National Forests and BLM Districts within the range of the northern spotted owl (generally western Oregon and Washington, and northwestern California). This action will be addressed in a SEIS because the affected species and their management were specifically addressed in the Agency's SEIS for Amendments to the Survey and Manage, Protection Buffer and other Mitigation Measures Standards and Guidelines, issued in November, 2000, and because the species and their habitat were also addressed in the SEIS for the Northwest Forest Plan, issued in February, 1994. Notice of this

proposal was first published in the Federal Register on October 21, 2002.

#### *DATES:*

Draft SEIS: January 31, 2003

Public Comment Period: February 1, 2003  
through May 1, 2003

Final SEIS: June 20, 2003

Record of Decision: July 25, 2003

*ADDRESSES:* For more information on this proposal or to receive a copy of the Draft SEIS write to:

Survey and Manage SEIS Team  
P. O. Box 2965  
Portland, OR 97208

#### **Invasive Plant Project - Pacific Northwest Region**

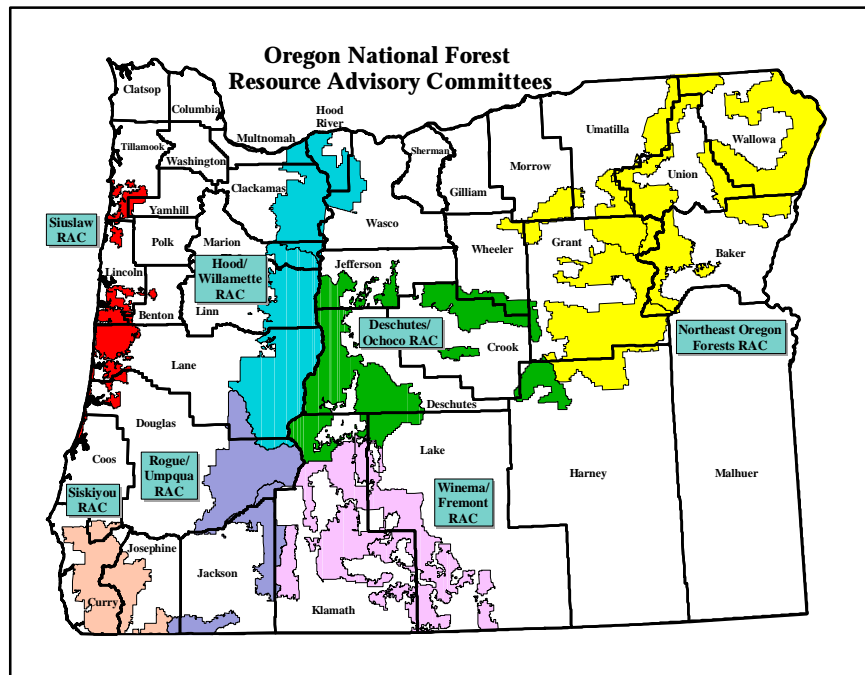
The Regional Forester is preparing an EIS to amend Forest Plan direction to enhance our ability to protect native ecosystems from invasive and non-invasive plants. The analysis will build on the region's existing program by improving our ability to: prevent the introduction of invasive plant species; improve detection and rapid response to new infestations; control existing populations; and provide for restoration of native species and habitats that have been invaded. The Notice of Intent was printed in *Federal Register* on Wednesday, August 28, 2002 (p. 55194). The draft EIS is expected to be filed with EPA and available for 45-day public review July 2003. Final EIS is scheduled to be completed December 2003.

*For more information contact: Eugene Skrine, Team Leader, Invasive Plant Project, Pacific Northwest Regional Office, P. O. Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208-3623.*

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### Hood/Willamette Resource Advisory Committee

The Hood/Willamette Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) met five times in 2002 to complete their recommendations for Title II projects for Fiscal Years 2002 and 2003. They considered a total of 266 projects from a variety of groups and agencies. They made recommendations to the Mt. Hood Forest Supervisor and the Willamette Forest Supervisor on 153 projects totaling \$8.07 million.

The first newsletter and report to the public on the work of the (RAC) will be available on the website listed below. In the newsletter you can find a breakdown of the dollars by county and the types of projects that were funded in each fiscal year. Some of the types of projects funded are: fish habitat restoration; control of noxious weeds; trail maintenance; and environmental education.

New projects for fiscal year 2004 need to be submitted by April 1, 2003. The submission form and instructions can be found on the same web site listed here.

The RAC will meet May 15-16, 2003 and June 19, 2003 to make their recommendations for 2004 projects. The public is welcome to attend, meeting times and locations are on the following web site:  
[www.fs.fed.us/r6/willamette/partnersites/payco](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/willamette/partnersites/payco)

*Contact: Donna Short, Sweet Home Ranger District (541) 367-5168*

### FOREST-WIDE:

#### Vandalism on Federal Lands

If you witness any acts of vandalism, destruction, or unauthorized gathering of forest products, please contact the nearest Ranger District or the Willamette National Forest in Eugene 541-465-6865.

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### Release of Names

The Office of General Council at the Department of Agriculture has determined that the names and addresses of persons who respond to solicitations for comments for Forest Service projects are subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and subject to public review. Comments received in response to the actions in this publication, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on the proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments received anonymously will be accepted and considered, however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR Part 215.

Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request that the agency withhold a submission from the public record by showing how FOIA permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under FOIA, confidentiality may be granted only in very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within 15 days.

### Incidental Special Uses, Forest-Wide Supervisor's Office, Detroit RD, McKenzie River RD, Middle Fork RD, and Sweet Home RD.

All units on the Forest will periodically issue permits for the following types of uses throughout the year, as requested and if approved: Noncommercial Group Uses (over 75 people) that includes weddings, filming/still photography, special events, recreation events, renewals of existing special use permits, etc.

Contact: Shari Monson

### FROM THE DISTRICTS:

#### Carmen-Smith Hydroelectric Project Relicensing

Effective December 1, 1958 the Federal Power Commission issued the City of Eugene, Oregon, through the Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB) a license, since amended, to construct, maintain, and operate a hydroelectric development and transmission line known as the Carmen-Smith Power Project No. 2242 for a period of 50 years. The major portion of the project is located on the McKenzie River Ranger District of the Willamette National Forest.

EWEB's original license will expire on November 30, 2008. Under rules of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (successor to the Federal Power Commission) the licensee is required to notify the FERC whether or not they intend to file an application for a new license. Notification of the FERC must be at least five, but no more than five and one-half years before the existing license expires. At the time of the licensee's notification of their intent they also initiate consultation with state, federal resource agencies, and tribes.

Final license issuance decisions are made by the FERC. Those decisions include the terms and conditions under which the licensee will operate the project, the period of the license (30 to 50 years), and other technical issues. Because of the project's location the Willamette National Forest will be significantly involved in many aspects of the relicensing process.

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A team of Forest Service employees has been identified to work on this effort. The relicensing team is based at the McKenzie River Ranger District and includes personnel from other Forest Service units. Forest Service participation is primarily guided by various provisions of the Federal Power Act (sections 4(e) and 10(a)), the Wild and Scenic River Acts (section 7), and the Willamette National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. The team will be active throughout the process.

*Completion: Estimated to be December 2008*  
*Contact: Marty Douglass, EWEB, 541- 484-2411 or Phil Raab, McKenzie River Ranger District, 541-822-3381*

### **Horse Creek Late-Successional Reserve (LSR) Plan**

**McKenzie River RD, T16,17S, R5,6E.**  
Late-Successional Reserves were designated in the 1994 Northwest Forest Plan Record of Decision for the purpose of maintaining functional, interactive, late-successional and old growth forest ecosystems. A plan will be prepared for the Horse Creek LSR on the McKenzie River Ranger District, to identify long-term goals. The plan will recommend specific future actions to improve late-successional habitat conditions at the stand and landscape levels. Other potential site-specific projects such as prescribed burning, road management, and habitat restoration, will also be reviewed in the plan.

*Completion: Winter 2003*  
*Contact: Rita Mustatia or Ruby Seitz*

### **Owl Creek Special Habitat Area Plan**

**McKenzie River RD, T16S,R5E, S.24.**  
An Implementation Guide for the Owl Creek Special Habitat Area is being developed. This project is in the Horse Creek Watershed.

*Completion: Winter 2003*  
*Contact: Susan Stearns*

### **Trail Bridge Dam Emergency Spillway Capacity Modification**

**McKenzie River RD T15S,R6E, S.11 and 12.**

The City of Eugene holds a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license to operate the Carmen – Smith Hydroelectric project on the upper McKenzie River. Project operation is the responsibility of Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB). As part of their inspection responsibilities, FERC has directed the utility to make modifications to Trail Bridge dam to address the dam's emergency spillway capacity. Dam safety requirements call for increasing the emergency spillway capacity to pass a revised theoretical maximum flood.

FERC is conducting an environmental analysis of the utility's proposed action to address this issue. Since the project is located entirely on National Forest System lands, ranger district personnel have been working with EWEB in the development of the overall project proposal. FERC's analysis is scheduled to be completed in time for project implementation this fall.

As currently proposed the project will lower about 300 linear feet of the saddle dike by approximately 11 feet. Construction activities will be located entirely within the project boundaries; ground disturbance associated with work is within the area originally impacted by project construction; and the project will involve no dredging, filling or other in-water work. Last summer, EWEB placed signage at three locations around Trail Bridge reservoir notifying recreationists of the project. These informational signs will be updated as construction approaches and will remain in place through construction.

*Completion: November 2003*  
*Contact: Marty Douglass, EWEB, 541-484-2411 or Phil Raab, McKenzie River Ranger District, 541-822-3381*



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Heritage Expedition Camp

### **Sweet Home Ranger District Events**

The Willamette National Forest, with many partners, is offering two Heritage Expeditions in the summer of 2003. These multi-day treks offer hiking, camping, and exploring with archaeologist, botanists, biologist, geologists, and other professionals. Fees include meals, activities, lodging, and event transportation. "Trekking the Old Santiam Wagon Road" is offered August 3-7, 2003. "Coast to Crest – Native American Trade Routes" is offered August 24-29, 2003.

The Sweet Home Ranger District is also offering eight one-day hikes with a fee of \$10.00 per hike (\$5.00 with a Golden Age/Access card). There is a 16 person maximum per hike. Hikes offered are: Trout Creek-Rooster Rock 6/26; Wildflower Hike 7/12; N. Pyramid Trail 7/24; Gordon Meadows 8/14; Berry Picking 8/30; Cascadia Cave 9/18; Fall Colors 10/10 and Mushroom Hike 11/7.

Other events are: Free Fishing Day 6/7; Heritage Expedition for 15-18 years of age, 7/14-17; CCC Alumni Potluck Picnic 7/17; and Iron Mountain Weed Pull 8/2.

To make reservations, or obtain more information about Heritage Expeditions, contact Joanne West, at phone number listed below. You can also find more information

and contact persons on the Willamette National Forest web site under events. The web site is: [www.fs.fed.us/r6/willamette](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/willamette)

*Contact: Joanne West, Sweet Home Ranger District, (541) 367-9206*



Heritage Expedition, Santiam Wagon Road

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### **South Santiam Watershed Analysis Update**

**Sweet Home RD**, T13S,R2,3,4&5E;  
T14S,R3,4&5E; T15S,R4E. AMA.

The District interdisciplinary team is preparing  
an update to the 1995 South Santiam  
Watershed Analysis.

*Status: Scoping*

*Completion: Spring/Summer 2003*

*Contact: Suzanne Schindler*

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## ***Current Projects***

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### **Calendar Year SOPA Quarters**

**Winter Quarter: January 1 to March 31**

**Spring Quarter: April 1 to June 30**

**Summer Quarter: July 1 to September 30**

**Fall Quarter: October 1 to December 31**

### **Timing of Decisions**

The projected decision dates in the following sections are best estimates based on predicted funding, weather conditions, project priorities, and overall scheduling of work. Although it is difficult to predict how and when these various factors will change project schedules, we will try to reflect any changes as accurately as possible as we update the Forest Focus each quarter.

## **Detroit RD**

### **Recreation**

#### **Blowout Suspension Bridge Trail**

##### **Detroit RD**

T11S,R5E, S.27

Reconstruction/relocation of segments of Trail 3365 from parking area on Blowout Road 10 to Blowout Suspension bridge. Project would improve safety and accessibility for trail users and reduce impacts to soils and water.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Winter 2003*

*Implementation: Spring 2003*

*Contact: Abe Quihuis*

#### **Campground Toilet Replacement**

##### **Detroit RD**

T9S,R6E,S.28; T11S,R7E,S.15

Project would install new vault toilets and close existing pit toilets in Humbug and Marion Forks Campgrounds.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Winter 2003*

*Implementation: Spring 2003*

*Contact: Ray Crist/Penny Keen*

#### **Detroit Lake State Park Master Plan EA**

##### **Detroit RD**

T10S, R5E, S.2,3,10.

Detroit Lake State Park facilities are located on Federal land. The State Parks and Recreation Department has recently completed a Master Plan for the facilities and requested an Authorization for use with a 20-year term.

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Winter 2003*

*Implementation: Spring 2003*

*Contact: Rodney Stewart*

#### **Hunt's Cove Trail**

##### **Relocation/Reconstruction**

##### **Detroit RD**

T10S, R8E, S.7, 17, 18.

The proposal is to reconstruct and/or relocate approximately two miles of trail between Hunt's Cove and Cathedral Rocks in the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Winter 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: Abe Quihuis*

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### Opal Creek Wilderness Management

#### **Detroit RD**

Opal Creek Watershed.

This proposal will amend the Willamette National Forest Plan to include management direction for the newly designated Opal Creek Wilderness.

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Winter 2003*

*Implementation: Spring 2003*

*Contact: Brian McGinley*

### Woodpecker Trailhead Parking Improvement

#### **Detroit RD**

T10S, R7E, S.8.

The proposal is to create a formal turn-around and parking area for large vehicles and vehicles with trailers at Woodpecker Trail #3342. Project is located within an existing harvested area.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Winter 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: Abe Quihuis*

### Road-Use

### Bruno Meadows Area Road Decommissioning

#### **Detroit RD**

T.11S,R7E,S.5,8.

Proposal is to protect and improve big game habitat and protect water quality by obliterating a segment of Road 2234-175. Project includes removal of culverts, water-barring, scarifying and planting of native plants and seeding of forage species.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: David Klug*

### Silviculture

### Aerial Fertilization

#### **Detroit RD**

District Wide

Aerial application of Urea prill fertilizer (46-0-0) for timber stand improvement on approximately 2500 acres of managed stands 3-70 years of age.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2003*

*Implementation: Fall 2003*

*Contact: Vic Baumann*

### Pre-commercial Thinning and Tree Pruning 2003

#### **Detroit RD**

District Wide

Thinning project would cut trees 5" dbh and under to a stand density of approximately 300 trees per acre. Western white pine trees would be pruned to control blister rust disease.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2003*

*Implementation: Fall 2003*

*Contact: Vic Baumann*

### Special Forest Products Sales, FY2003

#### **Detroit RD**

District Wide

Proposal is for the harvest boughs, Christmas trees and other forest products including species such as beargrass, salal, chinquapin, willow, alder maple ceanothus and vine maple.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2003*

*Implementation: Fall 2003*

*Contact: Vic Baumann*

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## ***Current Projects***

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### **Timber Sales**

#### **2002 Detroit Snow Damage**

##### **Detroit RD**

T8S,R5E,S.4,9; T9S,R5E,S.26,27,28,35;  
T9S,R6E,S.15,16,21,28,29,30,31.

Heavy snowfall in February 2002, caused damage to 70 year-old stands in several locations. Project would salvage down and damaged timber and perform thinning in selected stands to minimize additional damage from beetle infestation.

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: Dave Leach*

#### **Highway Snowbreak Hazard Reduction**

##### **Detroit RD**

T9S,R6E,S.24; T9S, R7E,S.19,20,28.

Heavy snowfall in winter of 2002, caused damage to timber stands in several locations along State Highway 22 and Road 2243. This project would remove hazardous trees which pose a safety threat to travelers.

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: Dave Leach*

#### **Office Compound Thin**

##### **Detroit RD**

T10S,R5E,S.3

Project is a continuation of vegetation management around administrative buildings and improvements on the Detroit Ranger District compound.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Winter 2003*

*Implementation: Spring 2003*

*Contact: Dave Leach*

### **Sugar Pine Management**

#### **Detroit RD**

T8S, R6E, S.34; T9S, R6E- East Humbug and Fox Creek Drainages.

Proposal is to remove selected trees and understory vegetation near approximately 160 sugar pines to reduce competition for moisture and nutrients and underbuning and provide favorable conditons for natural reseeding of sugar pine.

*Status: Document Released for Review*

*Decision: Winter 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: Dave Leach*

### **Watershed and Fisheries**

#### **Seeding, Mulching, Noxious Weed Removal**

##### **Detroit RD**

District Wide

Proposal is to perform hand and machine seeding and mulching of roadsides using native seeds and weed-free mulch and includes the hand removal of noxious weeds.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Winter 2003*

*Implementation: Spring 2003*

*Contact: David Klug*

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### Forest-Wide

#### Forest Plan Amendments

##### Peregrine Falcon Forest Plan Amendment

###### Forest-Wide

Forest-wide.

After delisting of peregrine falcon under the ESA, twenty-five additional nest sites have been identified on the Forest. Forest Plan standards and guidelines are needed to protect nest sites and to provide for continued recovery of the falcon population.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2003*

*Implementation: Winter 2003*

*Contact: Neal Forrester or Ken Byford*

### McKenzie River RD

#### Botany

##### Bunchgrass Meadow Restoration

###### McKenzie River RD

T15S,R7E, S.10.

Proposal to remove mostly understory and mid-story trees on 60 to 170 acres that have encroached upon and altered the meadow environment of Bunchgrass Meadow.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2003*

*Implementation: Fall 2003*

*Contact: Nancy Wilson*

### Facilities

#### Pebble RAWS Relocation

##### McKenzie River RD

T15S,R7E, S.29

Proposal to relocate the Pebble Remote Access Weather Station (RAWS) to a new 2 acre site near its current location at the Pebble Seed Orchard.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2003*

*Implementation: Fall 2003*

*Contact: Nancy Wilson*

### Lands and Minerals

#### Sections 13 and 14 Land Encroachments

##### McKenzie River RD

T16S,R5E,S13&14.

Recent adjustments of land lines in these sections have resulted in apparent property encroachments onto National Forest System Lands. Landowners have been notified. Some situations may qualify for Small Tracts Act resulting in sale of small parcels.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Winter 2003*

*Implementation: Spring 2003*

*Contact: Pat Hutchins*

### Recreation

#### Horse Creek Well Replacement

##### McKenzie River RD

T16S,R5E, S.24

Proposal to drill new well to replace existing well at Horse Creek Group Campground.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Spring 2003*

*Contact: Sandra Ratliff*

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### Santiam Pass Dispersed Recreation Plan

#### McKenzie River RD

T13S, R7, 7 1/2, and 8E.

McKenzie River and the Sisters Districts (Deschutes NF) are preparing an area management plan that may include site specific projects to develop Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) trails, to restore dispersed camping areas, and manage vegetation at Santiam Pass.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Winter 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Stacey Smith*

### Santiam Sno-Park Toilet Replacement

#### McKenzie River RD

T13S, R71/2E, S.24

Placement of new toilet building at Santiam Sno-Park. The building may be repositioned within the sno-park to take advantage of snow plowing.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Spring 2003*

*Contact: Steve Otoupalik*

## Road-Use

### Highway 20 Rockfall and Avalanche Project

#### McKenzie River RD

T13S, R7 1/2E, S. 23,26 (Willamette NF); T13S, R8E, S. 26 (Deschutes NF)

Oregon Dept. of Transportation is proposing a project that will limit the effects of rockfall and snow avalanche on US Highway 20 near Hogg Rock on the Willamette NF and Johnny Cut on the Deschutes NF.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2007*

*Contact: Pat Hutchins or Al Brown*

### Silviculture

### Pre-commercial Thinning, 2003

#### McKenzie River RD

District-wide

Pre-commercially thin (PCT) approximately 1,050 acres on the District at several locations. Spacing would be 225 trees per acre (14 x14) to 300 trees per acre (12 x 12).

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Winter 2003*

*Implementation: Spring 2003*

*Contact: Tim Kee or Kevin Moran*

### Special Uses

### EWEB Site Development

#### McKenzie River RD

T15,16S, R6E, S.1,11,13

Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB) proposes to modify and expand their communication network on the District in the vicinity of Olallie Campground and Trail Bridge Reservoir.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: Pat Hutchins*

### Upper McKenzie Water Cooperative Permit Renewal

#### McKenzie River RD

T16S, R5E, S. 16, AMA

Proposal to renew a Special Use authorization for a waterline on National Forest System lands that provides water to the residents in the West Fork Horse Creek area.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Winter 2003*

*Implementation: Winter 2003*

*Contact: Pat Hutchins*

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## ***Current Projects***

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### **Timber Sales**

#### **Minor Thin**

##### **McKenzie River RD**

T16S, R4E, S.26,27,28,33,34,35.

This project analyzes commercial thinning in the McKenzie Minor Tributaries Watershed.

Alternatives range from 180 to 380 acres of thinning. Approximately five miles of road are being considered for closure.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Spring 2004*

*Contact: Teiva White*

#### **Shadow Salvage (formerly Sinne Salvage)**

##### **McKenzie River RD**

T17S, R4E, S. 8

Proposal to salvage approximately 55 MBF of blowdown timber. Project area is adjacent to Forest Road 2618317.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: Shadie Nimer*

#### **Trapper Project**

##### **McKenzie River RD**

AMA, Blue River Watershed.

Proposal includes 155 acres of timber harvest with a variety of treatments, construction of 1,500 feet of temporary road, and use of low-severity prescribed fire on 92 acres.

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Fall 2003*

*Contact: Cheryl Friesen*

### **Two Bee Landscape Management Project**

#### **McKenzie River RD**

AMA, T13S,R6&7E; T14S,R6&7E;

T15S,R6&7E.

Proposal includes commercial thinning, post and pole thinning, and selective partial harvest on approximately 1,100 acres. Culvert improvements and road decommissioning is also included. Alternatives also include regeneration harvest and prescribed fire.

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Winter 2003*

*Implementation: Spring 2004*

*Contact: Al Brown or Cheryl Friesen*

### **Watershed and Fisheries**

#### **Coffee Creek Culvert Upgrade**

##### **McKenzie River RD**

T17S,R4E,S.16.

Project involves culvert replacement to accommodate a 100-year flood flow in Coffee Creek, a tributary of Quartz Creek.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: Dave Bickford*

#### **Ore Creek Culvert Upgrade**

##### **McKenzie River RD**

T17S,R4E,S.16.

Project proposes to modify a culvert on Forest Road 1509 to allow fish passage in Ore Creek.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Ray Rivera*

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### **Upper McKenzie Aquatic Restoration**

#### **McKenzie River RD**

T15S,R6E, S.1

Proposal to restore channel conditions through placement of large woody material and spawning gravels. The treatment reach is located in the McKenzie River above Trail Bridge Dam, between Trail Bridge Reservoir and the confluence of Kink Creek.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: Dave Bickford*

### **Upper McKenzie River Boat Launch Projects**

#### **McKenzie River RD**

District-wide

The District proposes to reconstruct or relocate boat launches at Frissell, Paradise, and Bruckart launch sites. Boat launch facilities at these sites do not meet current and increasing demand for recreation access.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2003*

*Implementation: Winter 2004*

*Contact: Ray Rivera*

## **Watershed Restoration**

### **Elk Creek Road Decommissioning**

#### **McKenzie River RD**

T19S,R6E,S.8,9.

Roads 1964457, 1964486, 1964488 are currently accessed by a deteriorating log stringer bridge. The project proposes to remove the deteriorating bridge, decommission stranded road segments, and rehabilitate a water source on Elk Creek.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Dave Kretzing*

### **Lost Lake Riparian Restoration**

#### **McKenzie River RD**

T13S,R7E; T13 S,R7 1/2E, S.21.

This proposal would rehabilitate disturbed and compacted soil, revegetate areas of exposed soils, and eradicate noxious weeds. Areas adjacent to Lost Lake are affected by soil disturbance and compaction from past recreational use.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: Dave Kretzing or Susan Stearns*

## **Wildlife**

### **Box Canyon Meadow Restoration**

#### **McKenzie River RD**

T19S,R51/2E,S.24

This project would restore the Box Canyon meadow by hand girdling or cutting saplings that are encroaching into the meadow. The project includes approximately 34 acres.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: Penny Harris*

### **Browse Cutback**

#### **McKenzie River RD**

District-wide

The project proposes to cut back preferable browse vegetation on approximately 140 acres to enhance big game forage conditions. Stands are selected by habitat quality values.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: Penny Harris*



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## Current Projects

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### Cavity Creation

#### McKenzie River RD

T16S,R5E

This project proposes to enhance approximately 150 trees for structure and habitat for primary and secondary cavity nesting wildlife species, by cutting cavity starts with chainsaws and drills.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: Shane Kamrath*

### Diversity Thinning

#### McKenzie River RD

T17S,R6E, S.9,15,16,20,21,and 22

This project proposes to reduce stocking and create diversity on 360 acres of 15-28 year old stands in the Horse Creek Late Successional Reserves. True fir boughs or trees that are cut may be salvaged after thinning is complete.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Fall 2003*

*Contact: Penny Harris*

### Down Woody Material Creation

#### McKenzie River RD

District-wide

This project proposes to fell approximately 276 trees to replace the large down wood that was removed by harvest.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Fall 2003*

*Contact: Penny Harris or Shane Kamrath*

### Forage Planting

#### McKenzie River RD

T19S,R51/2E, S.2, 3

The project proposes to plant berry producing plants on 5 acres in plantations to create habitat for the prey of nearby raptors.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Fall 2003*

*Contact: Penny Harris*

### Forage Seeding

#### McKenzie River RD

T16S, R5E

The project proposes to apply native seed to approximately 65 acres to improve big game forage. The seeding would occur in areas designated for high elk emphasis.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Fall 2003*

*Contact: Shane Kamrath*

### Inoculation Monitoring

#### McKenzie River RD

District-wide

The project proposes to destructively sample approximately 15 trees that were inoculated with stem decay more than 3 years ago to monitor the decay rates and the effectiveness of creating wildlife habitat using this method.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: Penny Harris*

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## Current Projects

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### Nest Box Installation

#### McKenzie River RD

T16S,R5E

This project proposes to improve nesting habitat for song bird species by installing approximately 12 nest boxes.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: Shane Kamrath*

### Wildlife Tree Creation

#### McKenzie River RD

District-wide

This project proposes to create approximately 500 wildlife trees by blasting, sawtopping, top and base girdling, inoculating with stem decays, and baiting trees with Douglas fir beetle pheromones and combinations of the above treatments.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Fall 2003*

*Contact: Penny Harris or Shane Kamrath*

### Wildlife Tree Release

#### McKenzie River RD

District-wide

This project would create approximately 30 open grown trees in previously thinned 16-20 year old conifer stands by creating a 30 foot radius clearing around the tree.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: Penny Harris*

## Middle Fork RD

### Facilities

#### Rental Home Analysis

##### Middle Fork RD

T21S,R2E,S.12;T21S,R3E,S.15.

The district proposes to dispose of five rental homes for which needed maintenance and repairs are unfunded. These houses are eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Structures.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Fall 2004*

*Implementation: Winter 2004*

*Contact: Tim Bailey*

### Recreation

#### Greenwaters Rest Area Boat Ramp

##### Middle Fork RD

T21S, R3E, S.16.

Proposal to rebuild a boat ramp destroyed in 1996 floods on the Middle Fork of the Willamette River. The objectives are to provide access for boaters while improving riparian health.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Fall 2003*

*Contact: Terri Jones*

#### Lewis & Clark College Outdoor Program

##### Middle Fork RD

Middle Fork RD, Waldo Lake Area.

This is a request for a 5 year special use permit for utilization of Waldo Lake for New Student Orientation and Service Project. Camping would be done at designated site with portable self-contained sanitation.

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Summer 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: Sandra Melinder*

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## Current Projects

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### **Trail Bridge - Fall, Johnny, and Clark Cr Trails**

#### **Middle Fork RD**

T18S,R2E;S.25-29,31; T18S,R3E; S.19-22.

This project proposes to replace deteriorating log bridges with laminated beam bridges.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Spring 2004*

*Contact: Sue Baker*

### **Waldo Lake Campgrounds Gray Water Disposal**

#### **Middle Fork RD**

T21S,R6E,S.9, 16;T22S,R6E,S.6.

Analyzing alternatives for disposing of gray water from the three developed campgrounds.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Jim Williams*

### **Waldo Road Sno-Play**

#### **Middle Fork RD**

T23S, R5.5E

Develop a snow play and sno-park area near Salt Creek Falls to replace the existing sno-park.

Toilet facilities would be provided and a gentle slope would be cleared to provide for sledding, south of Salt Creek.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Fall 2004*

*Contact: Jim Williams*

### **Willamette Pass Snow-Play Expansion**

#### **Middle Fork RD**

T22S, R6E, S.32,33; T23S, R6E, S.5.

Proposal to expand existing snow-play site by approximately two acres. All actions are within the current Willamette Pass Ski Area permit boundary.

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Fall 2003*

*Contact: Rick Scott*

## **Road-Use**

### **Diamond Drive**

#### **Middle Fork RD**

T24S, R5E,S.21;T25S,R5E,S.13.

Proposal to upgrade 13.3 miles of Road 2154 from, Road 21 to Umpqua Road 6000770, to double-lane paved. The project would widen the existing road to a double lane. Major work items would include clearing, excavation, culvert placement.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Keith Wheeler*

### **Flat Creek Culvert Removal**

#### **Middle Fork RD**

T21S,R3E, S.14.

This proposal is to replace a culvert on Road 2404 with a larger one. A new culvert would allow water flow from a 100-year flood event and also improve fish passage.

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Summer 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Gary Rost*

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## **Current Projects**

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### **Road Use Permit - Hayden**

#### **Middle Fork RD**

T18S,R2E,S.26.

Cedric L. Hayden is requesting a permit of use of National Forest land to access his property for timber haul for five years. Existing road is under permit issued in 1991. No new ground disturbance.

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Spring 2003*

*Contact: Sandra Melinder*

### **Road Use Permit - Martin**

#### **Middle Fork RD**

T21S,R2E,S.13.

Betty Lou D. Martin requests use of National Forest land to access her property. Current access from Highway 58 is unsafe due to high volume of traffic.

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Summer 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: Sandra Melinder*

### **Road Use Permit - Neal**

#### **Middle Fork RD**

T22S,R5E,S.21.27.

Brian Neal is requesting use of National Forest Land to access his property using two roads. His property is surrounded by National Forest.

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Fall 2003*

*Implementation: Fall 2003*

*Contact: Sandra Melinder*

### **Road Use Permit - Riddle**

#### **Middle Fork RD**

T21S,R3E,S.15.

Sam Riddle is requesting a private road special use permit for 5 years.

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Spring 2003*

*Contact: Sandra Melinder*

### **Roads Analysis Middle Fork District**

#### **Middle Fork RD**

District-wide.

The Middle Fork Travel Analysis Plan is being developed by watershed. Documentation of analyses will be in the form of a management plan. Before implementation, a site specific NEPA document will be completed.

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Summer 2003*

*Implementation: Fall 2003*

*Contact: Terri Jones, D'Lynn Williams*

## **Silviculture**

### **Middle Fork Timber Stewardship Project**

#### **Middle Fork RD**

18S,R2E,S.16-20,29,30;T19S,2E,S.3,5,8-11,14,23,27;T19S, R3E,S.5-9,16,17;T24S,R3E,S.15.

Project proposes thinning of young stands. Some of the trees with 8" and larger DBH would be removed. Some remaining trees will be pruned of all limbs to heights of 12 ft. and 24 ft.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Fall 2003*

*Contact: Sharon Knoper, Terri Jones*

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## **Current Projects**

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### **Special Uses**

#### **Cascade Cream Puff**

##### **Middle Fork RD**

District-wide.

Requesting a special use permit for a 100 mile, 3 lap mountain bike race. Utilizes various existing roads and trails including FS roads 19,1910,1802, 1802-141, 1802-140, 1912, the Alpine Trail, and the North Fork Trail.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2003*

*Implementation: Spring 2003*

*Contact: Sandra Melinder*

#### **City of Oakridge**

##### **Middle Fork RD**

T21S,R3E, S.1; Dead Mtn. Electronic Site.

Request for a special use permit for constructing a 16 x 16 foot cement building with 150-foot tower to house current site users in a Forest Service building. New building will also provide for additional users.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: Sandra Melinder*

#### **Emerald Empire Sports Club Hill Climb**

##### **Middle Fork RD**

T21S,R3E,S.33

Requesting Special Use Permit for annual recreation event in July. Race-course is on FS road 2101 near Larison Rock.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: Sandra Melinder*

#### **Frog Holler Special Use Permit Analysis**

##### **Middle Fork RD**

T22S, R3E, Sec 4

The analysis will determine the terms and conditions of a special use permit to be issued yearly over the next five years to the Fort Umpqua Muzzle Loaders, Inc. for the conduction of a four day Rendezvous at Larison Cove, on Hill's Creek Reservoir.

*Status: Document Released for Review*

*Decision: Winter 2003*

*Implementation: Winter 2003*

*Contact: Tim Bailey*

#### **Mountain Market Faire**

##### **Middle Fork RD**

T21S, R3E,Section 16

Evonne Lowrey's requesting a special use permit for a Saturday market to be held at the parking area off Highway 58, behind the FS building. There will be 20 to 40 vendors, featuring local arts, crafts, food, etc. 4-5-03 through 11-1-03.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Winter 2003*

*Implementation: Spring 2003*

*Contact: Sandra Melinder*

#### **Oakridge Sewage Treatment Permit Renewal**

##### **Middle Fork RD**

T21S,R3E,S.18.

The City of Oakridge requests renewal of the permit to operate sewage treatment plant. The permit currently authorizes operation of the processing plant and spreading of treated effluent on approximately 13 acres of National Forest lands.

*Status: Document Released for Review*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Winter 2003*

*Contact: Jim Williams*

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## Current Projects

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### **Where's Waldo- 100K Ultra Marathon & Relay**

#### **Middle Fork RD**

District-wide (Deschutes NF and Willamette NF).

Requesting special use permit for recreational 100 K relay race August 16, 2003, starting at Willamette Pass and climbing several mountain peaks (Fuji, Twins, Maiden Peak) before returning to the ski area.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: Sandra Melinder*

### **Timber Sales**

#### **Burro Salvage**

##### **Middle Fork RD**

T22S, R4E

This project proposes to salvage approximately 50 MBF of dead, down, and danger trees along Roads 23, 5875, and spurs off 5875.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: Rick Scott*

#### **Buzzard Timber Sale**

##### **Middle Fork RD**

T20S, R3&4E.

Approximately 6.1 MMBF of commercial thinning and 0.2 MBBF of sanitation salvage.

Project would include construction of approximately 1.7 miles of temporary road.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Fall 2004*

*Contact: Rick Scott*

#### **Horse Salvage**

##### **Middle Fork RD**

T19S, R5E; T20S, R5E

This project proposes to salvage approximately 50 MBF of dead, down, and danger trees along roads 1939, and 1944.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: Rick Scott*

#### **Jump Up Timber Sale**

##### **Middle Fork RD**

T20S, R3E.

Project proposes to thin approximately 600 acres of managed stands from 45 - 75 years of age, producing about 7 MMBF of timber and reconstruction of about 21 miles of existing road. This project includes young stand density management and trail work.

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Winter 2003*

*Implementation: Fall 2003*

*Contact: Rick Scott*

#### **Lookout Timber Sale**

##### **Middle Fork RD**

T23S, R4E, S.29.

Project proposes to cut and remove approximately 5.5 acres of trees on the south and east sides of Warner Lookout to improve visibility for fire detection and to reduce fire hazard near the lookout.

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Summer 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: Rick Scott*

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## Current Projects

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### **Moolack Creek Salvage**

#### **Middle Fork RD**

T19S,R3,4,5, and 5 1/2E;T20S, R3E

This project proposes to salvage approximately 200 MBF of dead, down, and danger trees along road 19 and spurs.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: Rick Scott*

### **Stumble II Salvage**

#### **Middle Fork RD**

T18S,R2,3,&4E;T19S,R2,3,&4E

This project is a continuation of the salvage of blown down trees and hazard trees removed along the Fall Creek Corridor and connecting spurs (excluding the Puma Fire area).

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Summer 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: Rick Scott*

### **Sugar Salvage**

#### **Middle Fork RD**

T22S, R5.5E

This project proposes to salvage approximately 200 MBF of dead, down and danger trees along Road 5894.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: Rick Scott*

### **Windy Cabin Thin Timber Sale**

#### **Middle Fork RD**

T19S,R2E,S.25,2634-

36;T19S,R3E,S.30,31;T20S,R2E,S.1-3,10-12;T20S.R3E.S.5-8.

Commercial thinning of about 500 - 800 acres of managed plantations, yielding an estimated 3-7 MMBF of timber.

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Fall 2003*

*Implementation: Spring 2004*

*Contact: Rick Scott*

## **Watershed and Fisheries**

### **Bear Creek Stream Enhancement Project**

#### **Middle Fork RD**

T23S, R5E, S.28

This project would place 45 to 50 logs within the wetted channel of Bear Creek by helicopter. The purpose of this project is to increase pool area and spawning habitat for bull trout and resident cutthroat trout.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Winter 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Doug Larson*

### **Hillbilly Aquatic Restoration Project**

#### **Middle Fork RD**

T23S,R5E,S.6.

Enhance a one-half mile stretch of Hills Creek for fish and other aquatic life using large woody material.

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: Ron Mecklenburg*



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## Current Projects

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### Road Closures for Watershed Restoration/Access Mgt

#### Middle Fork RD

District-wide.

This project may close up to 20 miles of road on the Little Fall Creek, Fall Creek, and Winberry Creek areas.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Winter 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: Gary Rost*

### Salmon Creek Levee Maintenance Project

#### Middle Fork RD

T21S,R3E,S.15,16.

Proposal to repair five levee breaches caused by 1996 floods in order to improve public safety and provide protection to a primary Oakridge city wellhead. Treatments include re-establishing levee slope, and keying riprap to streambed.

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Fall 2003*

*Contact: Terri Jones*

### Salvelinus Stream Enhancement Project

#### Middle Fork RD

T24S, R4E, S.11,12

This project includes placing large wood within the main channel of the Middle Fork Willamette River, in a side channel, and in Swift Creek. The purpose is to improve habitat for spring chinook and bull trout by creating spawning habitat.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: Doug Larson*

### Wildlife

### Kitson Bat Habitat Management & Monitoring

#### Middle Fork RD

T22S,R4E,S.6.

Proposal to restore bat habitat on the Kitson property. In addition, monitoring would lead to a better understanding of year-around habitat use of local bat populations.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Winter 2003*

*Implementation: Winter 2002*

*Contact: Dick Davis*

### North Shore Meadow Restoration

#### Middle Fork RD

T20S,R2E,S.9.

This project would attempt to restore historic dry meadow conditions by treating extensive noxious weed populations, treating small conifer encroachment, enhancing the Oregon white oak, and by application of prescribed fire to enhance native vegetation.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Winter 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: Kirk Lunstrum*

### Staley Pond Restoration

#### Middle Fork RD

T24S,R4E, S.19

This project proposed to enhance Staley Pond to more easily support Western Pond Turtles, waterfowl, and to remove existing noxious weeds.

*Status: Pre-Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2003*

*Implementation: Spring 2004*

*Contact: Kim Garvey*

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## ***Current Projects***

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### **Sweet Home RD**

#### **Facilities**

##### **Sweet Home Ranger District Office**

###### **Sweet Home RD**

T13S, R1E, S.33.

The District proposes an exchange of ten or more residential, office, shop, and storage properties for the administrative site currently being leased by the government for the Sweet Home Ranger District office.

*Status: Decision Pending*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: Mike Rassbach*

#### **Recreation**

##### **Daly Lake Access Improvements**

###### **Sweet Home RD**

T12S, R6E, S.10&11.

Barrier-free access improvements are proposed for the Daly Lake dispersed recreation area. This includes a trail bridge across the inlet creek, replace the old pit toilet with vault toilet, and construct a barrier-free fishing platform on the lakeshore.

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Summer 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: Brian McGinley*

#### **Road-Use**

##### **West Boundary Rock Source Expansion**

###### **Sweet Home RD**

T14S, R5E, S.24, AMA, South Santiam Watershed.

Proposal to expand West Boundary pit by about one acre to include the area between the current development and Road 1509 by clearing brush and fire-regenerated second growth.

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Fall 2003*

*Contact: Doug Shank*

#### **Silviculture**

##### **Precommercial Thinning and Release**

###### **Sweet Home RD**

Quartzville Creek, Middle and South Santiam, and McKenzie Watersheds

The District proposes to precommercial thin 723 acres and conifer release 38 acres. The land allocations and acres for these activities are 515 acres in Late-Successional Reserve, 65 acres in Matrix and 181 in Aquatic Management area.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: Pete Jorgenson*

#### **Timber Sales**

##### **Canal Thin**

###### **Sweet Home RD**

T11S, R4E, S.10, 11, 12, 14, 15; T11S, R5E, S.7, 8.

Commercially thin 415 acres of average 45 year old managed and natural stands.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2003*

*Implementation: Fall 2003*

*Contact: Suzanne Schindler*

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## Current Projects

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### **Gordon Three Thin**

#### **Sweet Home RD**

T13S,R3E,S.36; T13S,R4E,S.31; T14S,R3E,S.1;  
T14S,R4E,S.5,6,10,11,15.

The Gordon and Three areas will be combined in one EA. Gordon proposes to commercially thin 160 acres of 40 year old managed stands. Three proposes to commercially thin 400 acres of 45 year old managed stands in T13S,R5E,S.31; T14S,R5E,S.5,6,8,16,17.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: Suzanne Schindler*

### **Lower Cala Thin**

#### **Sweet Home RD**

T15S,R4E,S.16,17,18,20,30.

Commercially thin 225 acres of average 35 year old managed and natural stands.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Fall 2003*

*Implementation: Winter 2004*

*Contact: Brian McGinley*

### **Parks Overstory Removal**

#### **Sweet Home RD**

T13S,R6E,S.12,13&25; T13S,R7E,S.5,6,9&18.

Overstory removal of existing shelterwood and pre-logged harvest units. The proposed treatment area is 7 units totaling 275 acres. Harvest volume removed would range from 2 to 5 MMBF.

*Status: Decision Pending*

*Decision: Winter 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: Suzanne Schindler*

### **Quartz Thin**

#### **Sweet Home RD**

T11S,R5E,S.21,26,27,28,29,31,35.

Commercially thin 395 acres of 35 year old managed stands.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2003*

*Implementation: Fall 2003*

*Contact: Suzanne Schindler*

### **South Pyramid**

#### **Sweet Home RD**

T12S,R6E,S.28-33; T12S,R5E,S.25.

Harvest of about 4.0 MMBF of timber from the South Pyramid Cr. subdrainage includes regeneration, partial removal, and thinning. Road construction and reconstruction also considered. Rescinded 1999 NOI. Project continues as an EA.

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Winter 2003*

*Implementation: Spring 2003*

*Contact: Brian McGinley*

### **Wiley Thin**

#### **Sweet Home RD**

T14S,R2E,S.12,15,21,26.

Commercially thin about 145 acres of 40 year old managed stands.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: Brian McGinley*

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## ***Decisions Made Since Last Quarter***

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### **Forest-Wide**

#### **Special Uses**

##### **Oregon National Guard Military Training**

###### **Forest-Wide**

T19S,R4E, S.13-16,19-22; T20S,R2E, S.33-35;  
T21S,R2E, S.2-10,16,17.

Supervisors Office for Middle Fork RD. Oregon National Guard Military training on the Middle Fork Ranger District: Christy Flats area and Shady Dell area roughly bordered by Deception Butte and Patterson Mt.

*Status: Signed Decision Document*

*Decision: 1/10/2003*

*Implementation: Winter 2003*

*Contact: Shari Monson*

### **McKenzie River RD**

#### **Special Uses**

##### **Bruckhart Stream Guage**

###### **McKenzie River RD**

T16S,R5E, S.19

This project issues a special use permit to the USGS to install and operate a stream guaging and water quality data collection facility near the McKenzie River.

*Status: Signed Decision Document*

*Decision: 1/21/2003*

*Implementation: Winter 2003*

*Contact: Dave Kretzing*

##### **Mt. Hagen Communication Site Improvements**

###### **McKenzie River RD**

T16S,R3E, S.35

Silke Communications, Inc. proposes to construct a new communications tower and equipment building at the Mt. Hagen Communication Site. The old tower and building on the site would also be removed.

*Status: Signed Decision Document*

*Decision: 1/30/2003*

*Implementation: Spring 2003*

*Contact: Gene Flint*

##### **Qwest Highway 242 Power Supply Box**

###### **McKenzie River RD**

T16S,R7E, S.19

Qwest Communications proposes to install a power box along Hwy. 242, milepost 59.4, to improve telephone service to Camp White Branch.

*Status: Signed Decision Document*

*Decision: 1/30/2003*

*Implementation: Spring 2003*

*Contact: Gene Flint*

### **Middle Fork RD**

#### **Silviculture**

##### **Fertilization**

###### **Middle Fork RD**

District-wide.

Fertilization in approximately 1,078 acres of young stands at various location throughout the District. The units proposed for treatment are not in Late-Successional Reserves.

*Status: Signed Decision Document*

*Decision: 11/1/2002*

*Implementation: Winter 2003*

*Contact: Mike Jenson, Terri Jones*

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## ***Decisions Made Since Last Quarter***

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### **Pruning**

#### **Middle Fork RD**

District-wide.

Approximately 483 acres of pruning is proposed in young timber stands from 15 to 50 years in age at various locations throughout the District. Units proposed for treatment are in Matrix lands.

*Status: Signed Decision Document*

*Decision: 11/1/2002*

*Implementation: Winter 2003*

*Contact: Mike Jenson, Terri Jones*

### **Young Stand Denisty Management**

#### **Middle Fork RD**

District-wide.

Approximately 1,250 acres of young stand density management is proposed at various locations throughout the District. The units proposed for treatment may occur in late-successional reserves or riparian reserves.

*Status: Signed Decision Document*

*Decision: 11/1/2002*

*Implementation: Winter 2002*

*Contact: Mike Jenson, Terri Jones*

## **Special Uses**

### **Bob Stockdall's Guide Service**

#### **Middle Fork RD**

Middle Fork of Willamette River, Hills Cr Reservoir to Lookout Point Reservoir.

Outfitting and guiding river and fishing trips using non-motorized drift boat from Hills Creek Reservoir to the Corps of Engineers boundary at Lookout Point Reservoir until December 31, 2003.

*Status: Signed Decision Document*

*Decision: 1/14/2003*

*Implementation: Winter 2003*

*Contact: Sandra Melinder*

### **Timber Sales**

#### **Julep Timber Sale**

##### **Middle Fork RD**

T22&23S, R4&5E.

Project proposes approximately 200 acres of regeneration harvest and 175 acres of thinning, for a total of 7 MMBF. This project may exceed the Regional Guidelines for size limitation for created openings (60 ac.).

*Status: Cancelled*

*Decision:*

*Implementation:*

*Contact: Rick Scott*

#### **Ursus Timber Sale**

##### **Middle Fork RD**

T24S,R4E,S.3,6,7,10,14,17,21,23.

Project proposes to commercially thin 500 acres of previously managed stands.

*Status: Cancelled*

*Decision:*

*Implementation:*

*Contact: Rick Scott*